

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, March 19, 2001

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 19, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED WHITFIELD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

You alone, Lord God, call us to worship. Through Your prophet Isaiah, You alone call even our prayer to judgment. You bring our vaulted ceilings to be a cracked roof upon our heads. You say, "What care I for the number of your sacrifices? Who asks these things of you? I will not listen."

Learn from the orphan's plea. Have you ever listened to the lament of the child in search of a father? When rid of your heart's indifference, I will be different. Only then will I again be attentive to your prayer.

You speak of the Nation. Yet ego blinds you to rejoice only in the gathering of your own. Steeled in your righteous Sunday best, I do not see your heart moved toward Me or toward those just outside the temple door or across the street.

O Lord, by Your Spirit, pierce us to the heart so the sacrifice born of spirit and truth be revealed in us now and forever. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Speaker pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent Resolution honoring the service of the 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard as they deploy to Bosnia for nine months, recognizing their sacrifice while away from their jobs and families during that deployment, and recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the Chair, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, announces the reappointment of James B. Lloyd, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the reappointment of Elizabeth Scott of South Dakota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—

the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS);

the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN);

the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN); and

the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN).

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent Resolution honoring the service of the 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard as they deploy to Bosnia for nine months, recognizing their sacrifice while away from their jobs and families during that deployment, and recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the

national security of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1242. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of March 1, 2001, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 107-52); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1243. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the approved retirement and advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list of Lieutenant General John Costello, United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1244. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the effect of the six-year bar to retroactive benefits; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1245. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the Department's goal of building a stronger future acquisition workforce; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1246. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Dimethyl Dicarboxylate [Docket No. 00F-0812] received March 12, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1247. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Administrative Practices and Procedures; Meetings and Correspondence; Public Calendars; Partial Stay, Amendments, and Correction [Docket No. 98N-1042] received March 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1248. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air